

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7422

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

CINCPAC

AMEMBASSY SUVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 3268

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, NZ, XC

SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND MILITARY AID

1. SECDEF ROBERTSON ON 17 DECEMBER GAVE ME FOLLOWING  
SKETCH NZ MILITARY AID:

A. NZ DEFENSE BUDGET REMAINS SMALL (ABOUT 1.9 PER-  
CENT OF GNP) BUT IS RISING 3-1/2 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS  
(ABOVE INFLATION).

B. ROBERTSON HAS OBTAINED SMALL MUTUAL MILITARY  
AID ITEM IN NZ DEFENSE BUDGET. THIS PROVIDES AID FOR  
MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FIJI,  
WESTERN SAMOA, AND TONGA.

C. THE AID CONSISTS PRIMARILY IN EXCHANGE PRO-  
GRAMS OF INTELLIGENCE, INDIVIDUALS AND PERHAPS LATER UNITS UP TO  
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PLATOON SIZE.

D. NZ NOW HAS MILITARY ATTACHES IN KL, JAKARTA  
AND BANGKOK.

E. SINCE FUNDS ARE ONE PACKAGE GNZ HAS DISCRETION  
IN ALLOCATING THEM BETWEEN THE RECIPIENT NATIONS. MAIN  
EMPHASIS IS TO INDONESIA.

F. ROBERTSON COMMENTED HE BELIEVES PM KIRK NOW  
UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FORM OF AID DESIRED BY THESE  
COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY PNG, IS CHIEFLY IN SECURITY FIELD AND THIS IS  
BEING DONE TO THE EXTENT GNZ DEFENSE BUDGET PERMITS.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS SMALL ROLE BEING PLAYED BY  
GNZ IS IN US INTEREST AND, IF ENERGY CRISIS PERMITS, WILL  
HELP MORALE AND TRAINING NZ FORCES.  
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